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33. A catalytic system for carbonylation as claimed in claim 1, wherein the catalytic system is (B) and wherein said Group VIII metal source (B1) in said catalytic system (B) is at least one metal selected from the group consisting of platinum, cobalt, nickel and rhodium, or a compound of said metal.

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34. A catalytic system for carbonylation as claimed in claim 1, wherein the catalytic system is (B) and wherein said catalytic system (B) comprises the ligand (B2) of the formula (Ib) wherein A is a phosphorus compound.

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35. A catalytic system for carbonylation as claimed in claim 1, wherein the catalytic system is (B) and wherein said electron donative compound (B3) in said catalytic system (B) is at least one member selected from the group consisting of an amine, an imine, an amide, an ether, a ketone, an ester, a lactone, an aldehyde, a sulfoxide, a nitrile, a nitro compound, an aromatic hydrocarbon and an aliphatic hydrocarbon. --

REMARKS

Presently claims 1-23 and 31-35 are pending in the above-identified application. Support for the new claims 31-35 is found in original claims 2, 6, 9, 10 and 13 respectively. Claims 24-30 have been withdrawn based on the restriction requirement.

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